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Dramatic Rescue At Sea

Liner Battles Through Fog

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—Signals from a fainting radio operator in a blazing mall boat in the Kattegat gulfed the 11,000-ton Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, through fog to the rescue of 108 terrified passengers today from the 3,038-ton Danish mail boat, the Kronprins Olav.

Navigating "blind" through dense fog, the liner picked up the passengers and some of the crew seven miles off the Swedish coast.

The radio operator, a 32-year-old Dane named Erlendsen, was overcome by fumes at the controls. He struggled to the deck.

When the air revived him he crawled on his hand and knees to his cabin and continued to send SOS call until help was on the way.

No one was injured. The liner was the only ship at first able to reach the Kronprins Olav, the other vessels having to turn back to port because of the fog.

TERRIFYING SCENES

One report said that a cigarette end, dropped by a passenger who had fallen asleep in his cabin, set fire to the ship. A passenger stated, however, that the blaze began after a galley oil burner exploded.

Passengers described terrifying scenes as the fire spread in the dark.

Half-dressed and half-awake, men and women took to the boats in a fit by the leapfrog flamer. There was some panic when rumours started that the lifeboats had been burned.

Rescued passengers, many still wearing pyjamas and night-dresses, were assembled in the Stockholm's saloon for questioning after they had been transferred from the burning vessel.

All paid high tribute to the efficiency of the Kronprins Olav's crew. It was generally agreed that only the calm

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NO CHANGE IN BRITISH POLICY TO HOLD H.K.

British Political Leaders On European Unity

New York, Feb. 20.—The views of the leaders of Britain's three main political parties on European unity were published here tonight, 48 hours before the people of their country go to the polls.

Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, said, "The British Government regard the creation of a sound European economy and the re-establishment of confidence in Europe as one of the fundamental objectives of their policy.

"They are determined to persevere in their efforts to build up a Europe free from want and fear."

Conservatives Claim Swing To Right

London, Feb. 20.—The Labour (Backing its faith in victory in Thursday's General election by laying on plans for elaborate London celebrations.

At the same time a great wave of optimism swept the Conservative Party here tonight—three days before polling.

Party managers reported that a canvas of 90 per cent of the 34,000,000 electors disclosed a pronounced swing to the Right "gaining momentum every hour."

Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Conservative Party, told an Election meeting in Lincolnshire today, "It is neck and neck and it is going to be a great and exciting finish."

But bookmakers today were giving an "odds on" price for Socialist chances of gaining a second term of power. One well-known bookmaker who quoted odds of six to four on the prospect of a Left-wing victory, and odds of six of five against the chances of Conservative victory, today turned cautious with no particular cause either way.—Reuter.

No Sign Of Missing Man

The large number of Police continued their search until late hour last night but failed to locate the missing Professor John Kennedy Rideout, or any trace of his whereabouts.

The Police resumed their quest this morning with the assistance of a trained Alsatian dog. The search party this morning was under Mr John the Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, and Inspector Douglas H. Taylor of the Homicide Squad.

Professor J. K. Rideout, of the Hongkong University, has been missing since noon on February 16.

Killers Surrender

Asmara, Eritrea, Feb. 20.—Two men who shot an Italian lorry driver dead on the road to Addis Ababa yesterday surrendered to villagers today when their ammunition ran out.

The driver's Eritrean mate, first believed to have been kidnapped when the driver was killed, later arrived at a native village and led a party to the men.—Reuter.

Foreign Office Statement

MAO TSE-TUNG MAY RAISE SUBJECT

London, Feb. 20.—The Foreign Office said today that there was no change in Britain's policy to hold Hongkong and the Colonial Office said colonial policy was one platform on which there were no political party differences.

It has been observed, however, that Labour government spokesmen, while voicing determination to defend Hongkong militarily, have indicated willingness to talk with the Chinese Communists about the future of the Colony.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said in February last year: "There is no question in whatever of our giving Hongkong up unless we decide to do so by mutual agreement."

HK Border Activity Denied

Authoritative quarters in Hongkong today discounted a French agency report from Taipei quoting a Nationalist Defence Ministry spokesman as saying that two Chinese Communist armies are massing along the Hongkong border and that intensive military preparations are going on in the area.

The Army spokesman in Hongkong said there was no unusual military activity on the Chinese side, and the number of Communist troops was not more than had been there before.

Security officials along the border said there were few Communist regular troops in the region immediately adjoining the border. Troop movements had been reported further inland, but this activity appeared to be part of a steady movement as new troops arrived in transit or to replace formations sent elsewhere.

In certain unofficial quarters, the view is held that these troop movements may be connected with the preliminary build-up for an invasion of Nationalist-held Hainan Island, which has been reported frequently to be next on the Communists' military programme.

Russians Free Lorries

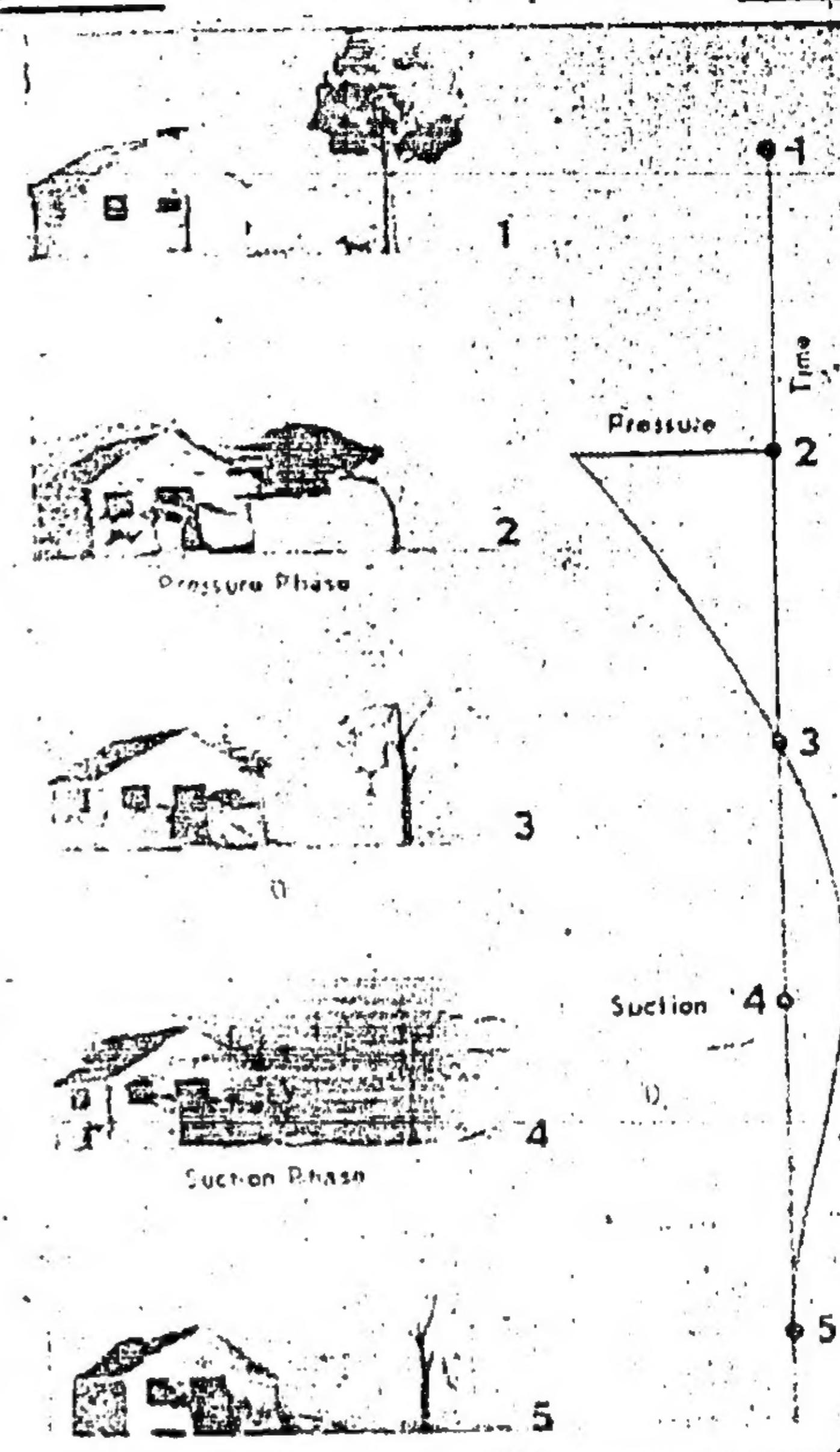
Berlin, Feb. 20.—Lorries, loaded with metal for Berlin, detained by Russian guards on the outskirts of the city yesterday, began to trickle into Berlin this afternoon after being held for nearly 48 hours.

The West German police reported this evening that about 10 out of the reported 21 lorries had halted, have been allowed to continue their journey, but that the remainder were still being held a few hundred yards from the American sector boundary.

Drivers arriving in Berlin reported that the Russians had given no reason either for the detention or the subsequent release of the lorries.

Other road and rail traffic between Western Germany and Berlin was moving normally today, but four barges loaded with iron ore had been held up by the Soviet authorities at Wittenberg, a British transport official stated.—Reuter.

Atomic Blast's Effect



These illustrations from a U.S. government report on "Damage From Atomic Explosion and Design of Protective Structures" show what happens to a small house in blast's path. Top (1) is house with leafy tree and dog in yard. Pressure from overhanging blast (2) white tree, fallen dog, bends down and corner of house. Pressure has passed (3), denuded tree is upright structure is temporarily still. Then comes suction phase (4) when air rushes to fill partial vacuum. Tree is shredded, roof is ripped and dog is flung against wall. Air is still again (5) and only wreckage remains. Diagram (right) shows time relation to blast, measurement of which is not disclosed for security reasons.—AP Picture.

France's Labour Front In Turmoil

Paris, Feb. 20.—Strike threats threw Franco's shaky labour front into new turmoil tonight. Labour unions and employers came to grips for the first time since the war in direct negotiations on wages. Major developments included:

1. Some 7,000 workers walked off the job at the nationalised Renault automobile plant. A strike ballot was set for tomorrow and might produce a walkout of more than 200,000 automobile and metal industry employees in and around Paris.

2. Communist-led labour unions called a 24-hour strike of dock workers at Marseilles for February 27 and threatened to extend it to all French ports.

3. Workers in the nationalised electricity plants threatened to walk out in support of demands for higher wages.

4. A strike of some 10,000 lawyers, doctors and other professional men and shopkeepers was called for Wednesday in protest against the mounting tax burden.

COMMUNIST ORDERS

Several weeks ago the Communist leaders ordered dockers not to load supplies for French forces in Indo-China nor discharge United States military aid shipments to France. The government for several days has been making large-scale preparations to deal with any trouble when the first military aid shipments arrive early in March.

Troops under strong police protection loaded a ship at La Pallice today with equipment for Indo-China after dock workers had refused to do so. In the past two weeks troops have also loaded ships at Marseille, St. Nazaire, Le Havre and other ports.

A general strike by dockers was called for February 27 at Marseilles as a protest against the government's action. The strike also was probably intended as a test of Communist labour unions' ability to bring port workers out in case of a major showdown when American military aid shipments start pouring in.—United Press.

Marshall Plan Aid To Be Slashed By US\$150,000,000

Washington, Feb. 20.—United States officials, through a spokesman, notified Congress today that they wanted only US\$2,950,000,000 to carry on the Marshall Plan during the fiscal year beginning on July 1—US\$150,000,000 less than the total earmarked for the European recovery programme in President Truman's budget message last month.

Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and usually the most complete trans-Atlanticist, said both agreements had been wholly dependent for their operation on ECA aid, "thus providing no assurance that intra-European trade would not revert to restrictive bilateralism in the post-ECP period."

Mr Connally also announced that he and the chairman of the House Foreign Committee, Representative John Kee, would introduce bills in both chambers on this subject tomorrow.

JOINT SESSION

The House and Senate Committees will meet in a joint session then to hear the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and the Economic Co-operation Administrator, Paul Hoffman, explain the administration recommendations.

Senator Connally's bill would provide US\$2,050,000,000 in new funds for Mr Hoffman's agency for the 1951 fiscal year, but would also make available for next year any unspent funds remaining at the end of the current fiscal year.

Another provision would authorize Mr Hoffman to transfer funds to the clearing house established by Marshall plan countries of Western Europe to provide for exchange of currencies. Mr Hoffman is seeking this provision to strengthen his drive to break down trade barriers between European countries.

COMMITTEE EXPLAINS

The bill specified the clearing house would be established "to facilitate development of interchangeability of European currencies or liberalisation of trade by participating countries with one another and with other countries".

The explanation released by the Senate Committee said European payments agreements during the first two years of the plan should not be found in contempt.

U.S. Mine Workers Cited For Contempt Of Court

Washington, Feb. 20.—Federal Judge Richmond Ketch today cited the United Mine Workers for contempt of court on the grounds that the 370,000 striking coal miners "wilfully and wrongfully" ignored his back-to-work order.

Judge Ketch gave the union until next Friday to get its members back into the pits if it fails to do so, he has scheduled a trial on the contempt citation for next Monday.

The court order—the UMW are accused of flouting was issued by Mr Ketch nine days ago, after President Truman invoked the Taft-Hartley law in the coal deadlock. A few hours before signing the contempt order, Mr Ketch had extended the temporary anti-strike order until March 3.

The government late today brought contempt charges against the mine workers for their refusal to dig coal under the Federal Court order and Mr Ketch signed the order directing them to "show cause" why they should not be found in contempt.

Lewis and his UMW bargaining team continued negotiations with the coal mine operators this afternoon and scheduled another session for tomorrow, but there was no sign that they were nearing agreement.—United Press.

John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, who has twice directed his members to comply with the court order and return to the pits, was not named in Mr Ketch's order, which was directed against the Union as a whole and not against any individual. If Mr Ketch finds the United Mine Workers guilty of contempt after the hearing, he can levy heavy fines against the union. The union and Lewis paid a total of US\$2,130,000 for similar contempt actions in 1947 and 1948.

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Film Divorce

Hollywood, February 20.—Film Actress Marguerite Chapman got a divorce today from Bentley Ryan on her testimony that he continually criticised her during their year of marriage.—United Press.

Today's Weather

Moderate or fresh east winds. Fair. Warmer. Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1022.3 mbs. 28.19 in. Temperature, 69.7 deg. F. Dew point, 41 deg. F. Relative humidity, 48%. Wind direction, East. Wind force, 10 knots. High water, 5 ft. 2 in. at 12.17 p.m. Low water, 3 ft. 7 in. at 5.50 p.m.

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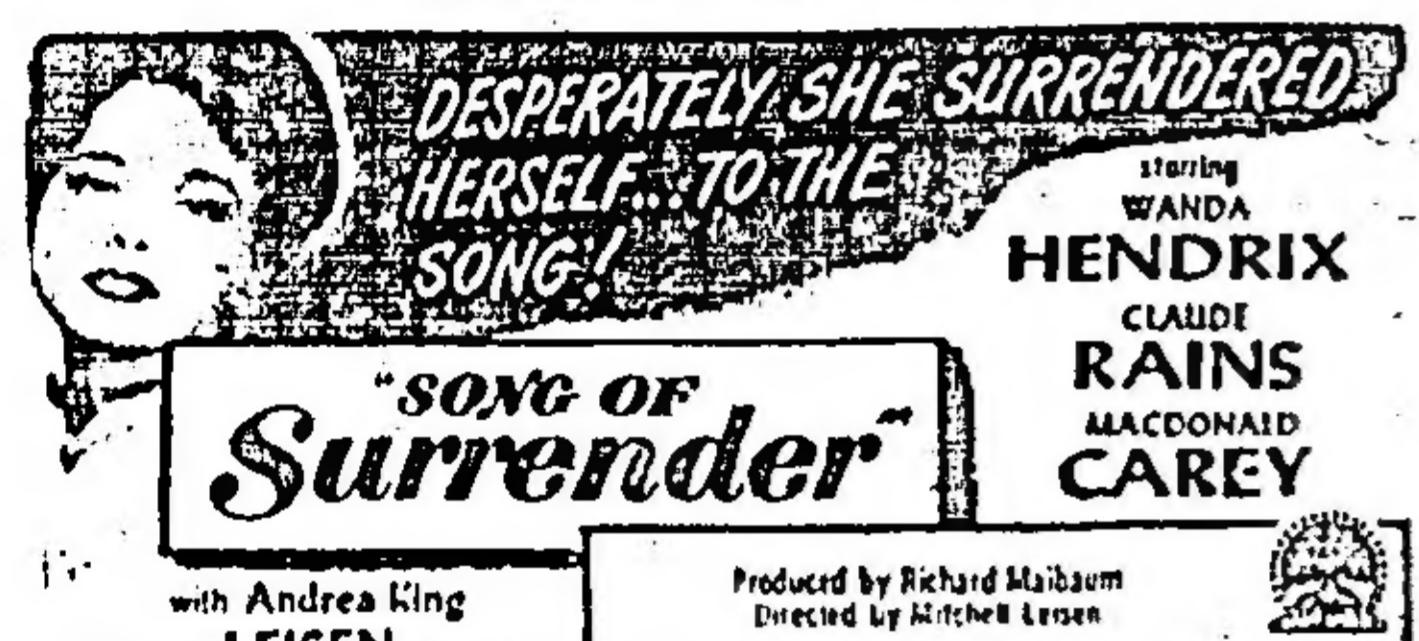


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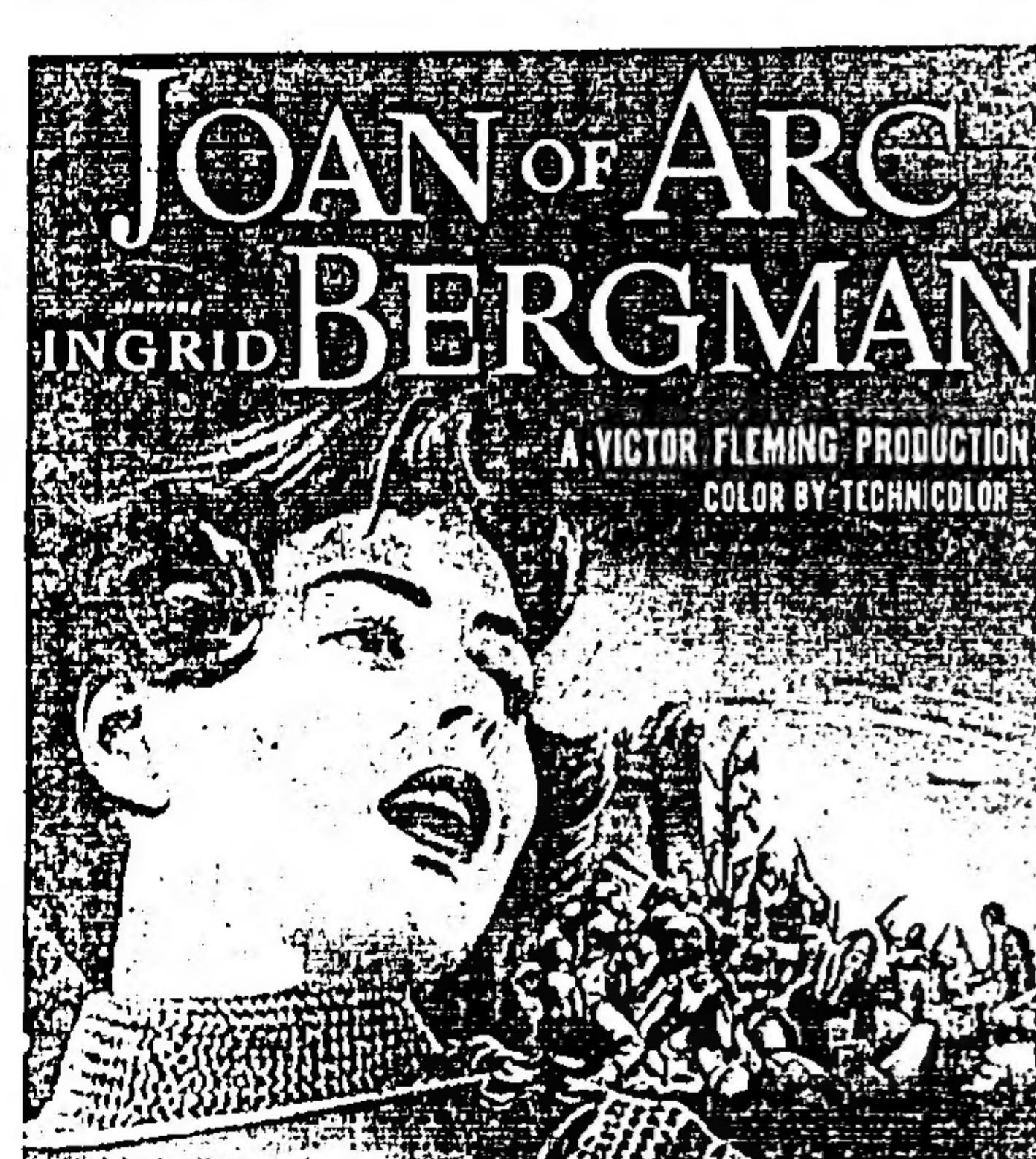
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WOMANSENSE

Dior, Too, Goes Back To The 20's

And amusing nylon hats

open like umbrellas

By Eileen Ascot

THIE 1920 theme strongly influences the Dior collection. He shows the bath-dress neckline and the straight, short, sleeveless dress, but softens the lines with a shaped belt. Jackets are short and loose and coats are tubular, with low belts and pockets.

Many suits have deep reverses; a very new neckline in a gigantic horseshoe collar with the bust filled in with a straight modesty vest. The Flying Panel appears here and there, mostly to be buttoned or not as desired. Many coats feature this side buttoning with the panel swinging loose at will.

Flounced hems A secondary line is the reintroduction of the full-flared skirt and tight waist for coats and dresses, many of which have flounced hems and under-petticoats.

Amusing hats of nylon, open and close like umbrellas, and can be tucked away in a handbag. One large cartwheel was made entirely of swan's feathers, another of a miniature haystack. Real twigs were used to trim birds' nest models.

Lavish embroidery appeared on day and evening dresses, Gulguru lace-in straw, white cotton or gold silk and wild

(London Express Service)

flowers in silk long-stitch embroidery on linen dresses.

Evening gowns of all lengths, shawl-like or billowing, were heavy with glittering beadwork fringe and sequins. Dior introduces a new diamond chain-mail necklace to cover straps shoulders.

Ball gowns

The full ball gowns, in sweeping tulle lace and organdie, with swirling chiffon draperies, each one more voluminous and beautiful than the last, were shown to a chorus of "Ooh" and "Ahs," and even matter-of-fact American buyers permitted themselves a "travo."

All shades of blue run through the collection from palest pastels to deep navy.

There is also lots of black and white, and combinations of mushroom and black and navy and white.

Chiffon handkerchiefs of my

colours are tucked into concealed hip pockets.

For evenings he attaches tiny horns or wings to narrow bandeaux.

(London Express Service)

The Long & Short Story Of The Evening Dress

By Joan Erskine

THERE is dark work behind the scenes in the hat-dressing salons of Mayfair. Judging from the experimental hair switches and added curls going on, hair stylists may be planning a sudden long-hair campaign to catch the short-cut girls unaware.

The woman who doesn't want to pay to replace what she's just lost better start growing her own tresses quick.

MICHAEL SHERARD held his press preview in a famous West End restaurant where we were entertained during the showing by soft music on a grand piano.

Sherard began by showing us his small Boutique Collection, all in Godal Guillaume Jersey fabrics, which will be produced for "export only." This collection included fitted coats, country suits, day dresses and dinner dresses with deep collars which could be worn on or off the shoulders. Colours were pale grey, blue and cerise.

His collection proper showed no startling change of line. The interest was in the detail and cut, and exquisite workmanship. Some of the hand-work is better than that for which Paris is famous. He considers, and rightly, that the skirt length is a personal matter between the seller and the customer, and that it is folly for a customer to insist upon a certain length regardless of its appearance on her. He has moderate ideas about padding also, and again insists that it depends upon the shape of the individual customer's shoulders.

Evening skirts in heavy crepe, so useful for wearing at home or for dinner parties under silk, brocade or lame tunics, and smart velvetcocktail coats, with useful jackets that can be teamed with other skirts and frocks.

One of the best "buys" is a simple wool housecoat with short sleeves and studded with big bead buttons round the neck and cuffs, ideal for winter evenings at home.

Although the line is a slim one, deep groups of pleats within pleats give ample room for movement. JACKETS are slightly shorter, and the waistline is lowered by belts being worn at the top hip, though retaining the tight waist.

Food stains caused by such foods as ice cream or chocolates or candy have a way of appearing on the carpet, despite all the vigilance in the world. Sponge as soon as possible with clear lukewarm water to remove water-soluble substances. If stains remain when dry, then there is a grease residue. Use cleaning powder then brush out carefully. If there is a candle wax stain, scrape off as much as possible with dull blade.

If there is an animal stain get after it at once, sponging thoroughly with warm water, using a clean, but preferably old, highly absorbent cloth. Repeat sponging rather than saturating cloth, because rug must not be made too wet.

Court Presentation Gown

For the first time in seven years debutantes Court Presentation gowns have been made in London by two dressmakers, Hartnell and Worth. These have been made specially for the Symphony of Fashion at the February Fair of St. Louis, U.S.A. In this picture the Court Presentation gown was made by the Queen's dressmaker, Norman Hartnell. More than hundred yards of white silk tulle went into this creation. The bodice is silvered with tulle and has a train of silver and gold lame corsage of silver lilies. The bordered with net, a white ensemble is completed with a feather headdress and veil.



If Hair Has Natural Curl



To look your best at a moment's notice, spray on a special setting lotion that comes in handy plastic bottle, arrange hair half as you like it. When dry, brush out.

By HELEN FOLLETT

GIRLS who trot to the beauty shop two or three times a year for a permanent wave, or one can be cultivated. Mothers of small daughters should keep that in mind. By setting the hair after the shampoo a more defined pattern will appear. To braid the hair is a mistake; it tends to destroy or weaken the curl itself.

The curly girl may have a pleasing undulation atop her dome, but if she likes her hair short the ends won't ringlet worth a cent, so she has to buy an end curl that costs nearly as much as when the whole haircut thatch has to be treated. If the ends do curl, one must find an expert hair snatcher so there will be no blunt sprouts and rag tags. Cutting must follow the wave line.

Sometimes nature overdoes the matter. The hair is frizzy with narrow undulations like the corrugations on a wash board. To subdue this wild condition it is necessary to use brilliantine before the finger wave is given, the combination of oil and water acting as a restraining influence on the tight frizz.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



A Very Versatile Food

"WHAT food do you think is the most interesting, Chef?"

"It is the corn, Madame. We would perhaps take 2 c. of the tinned hominy, and 3 beaten eggs, 2 1/2 c. milk, 1/4 tsp. salt, some pepper, and a little nutmeg. And you would bake it like any custard, about 35 min. at a moderate heat."

"That's right. Hominy custard is especially good as the main part of a vegetable dinner. I also like lyo hominy fried in bacon and tamales made of cornmeal, and in the deep South I find hominy, which I understand is corn in another form. Its combination is red beans, fried hominy, and thin round steak cooked by a fascinating method."

"Ah, you mean the grillades," remarked the Chef. "We shall have that very combination for our menu!"

Dinner

Chicken Okra Soup (Tinned)
Red Beans Creole
Fried Hominy
Lettuce Louisiana Style
Prunes with Orange Sections
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children).
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Red Beans Creole

Pick over 1 lb. dried red beans and put in a 2-qt. kettle; cover with boiling water and soak 50 min. Keep covered. Add 1/4 tsp. salt; bring to boiling point and simmer until tender, from 1 1/2 to 2 hrs. (Or use half the quantity of water and pressure-cook 35 min. at 15 lbs.) Add 1 lb. butter or margarine, and simmer uncovered 15 min. longer. Serve with the juice.

Grillades

Order 1 lb. round steak cut 1/2 inch thick. Then cut into pieces 4" square and pound with a meat mallet until very thin. Dust with 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper. Add 4 drops tabasco. In a 9" frying pan melt 1 tbsp. margarine or shortening. Add 1 peeled medium-sized chopped onion and 1 peeled minced section of garlic. Stir in 1 tbsp. flour and gradually allow the flour to brown, stir often. Then add 1 c. cold water and bring to a boil. Add 1/2 c. cornmeal and stir until well broken up. Place the "grillades" on this. As they brown turn. Stir in 1/2 tbsp. vinegar and 1 c. boiling water. Cover and simmer over low heat until the "grillades" are tender, about 30 min. Serve with hominy grits, or with fried old-fashioned hominy known as lyo hominy. Red beans Creole are a usual accompaniment in Louisiana.

"Many homemakers won't take time to cook it, Chef. It takes at least an hour in a double boiler. But now we have pressure-cookers, hominy can be prepared in 25 min., so undoubtedly it will be cooked more often."

"I have in the pantry a tin of lyo hominy, Madame. How would you suggest it be prepared?"

"Plain Sauce

"I would like it creamed as you would potatoes. You can make the sauce plain, or add some chopped cooked leeks. It's also good heated in tinned tomato sauce, to serve with an omelette or scrambled eggs. They may be peeled, chopped fine and fried with the hominy."

Ballerina In Grandma Garb



Old Stains

Old stains are more difficult to eradicate, but sometimes they will yield to a solution made up of one part soapless lather, five parts water and three tablespoons of white vinegar to each quart of water. Sponge thoroughly, repeating several times if necessary.

If you notice grease on that beautiful wall paper, and the stain is mild, get busy at once. Fuller's earth or a rug-cleaning powder moistened with dry-cleaning fluid, has been known to turn the trick. Spread the paste over the spoiled surface, let remain until dry. Then remove with a soft, clean cloth. Repeat if necessary. If a ring is visible after the powder has been removed, apply a mixture of powder and water, let dry, then wipe off.

If there are food stains, brush off as much as possible. If wall paper is washable, then sponge with cloth wrung out of warm water. If grease stains remain, give the treatment suggested above.



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

THE PEIGNoir robe, with its easy, comfortable lines, is ideal for dormitory or home wear. Shown here is a charming peignoir robe in wool flannel in brilliant rose shade. It is simply cut with nice details to distinguish it. Below the pointed collar, a parasol of tabs goes through the button holes to make for a novel fastening. Oversize patch pockets with cuffs match those on the sleeves.

Miss Mary Drage, 18, of Sadler's Wells ballet, kept warm in her lace-edged shawl wearing a Grandmama costume for a first night.

(London Express Service)

PROMS IDEA WAS THOUGHT UP BY MADAME TUSSAUD

By J. W. Taylor

POCKET CARTOON
—From America
by OSBERT LANCASTER


A hundred year ago there passed away at the age of 90 the original Madame Tussaud who, as a young modeller in her uncle's Paris waxworks museum known as Marie Grosholtz, was commanded by the authorities to take impressions of the heads of the freshly guillotined victims of the Reign of Terror, some of whom she had known and loved. This may have accustomed her to the macabre, for in an Edinburgh prison in 1829 she modelled the murderers, Burke and Hare, from life.

Madame Tussaud's wax-works exhibition first appeared in Britain more than 125 years ago when she arrived in Shrewsbury market place one evening with a cavalcade of caravans to give her first show out of France. It was so successful that it remained for over a month.

She visited Shrewsbury again eight years later on her way from Manchester and Bristol and the South. It was a grander affair this time, and she received the

Mayor's permission to hold the exhibition and promenade in the grand assembly room of the Lion Inn, the whole place lit up with coloured fairy candles.

Always a showman as well as an artist, Madame Tussaud's introduction of the promenade at the inn exhibition was sold to the public from which the present Proms first took its name. The idea of the milling crowd on foot in a ground floor arena with surrounding galleries above was the same.

It was at the Lion Inn that Shrewsbury first had its first glimpse of the Chamber of Horrors idea. A Cambridge don had elsewhere objected to criminal and savant being side by side. So Madame Tussaud duly announced that "the following highly interesting figures and objects, in consequence of the peculiarity of their appearance, are placed in an adjoining room."

GRUESOME TASK

She won, however, very careful to charge extra for admission to the Chamber of Horrors. It included a death head of Robespierre "taken immediately after his execution by order of the National Assembly of France," and one of Marat, modelled as he lay in his bath after being assassinated by Charlotte Corday—also by order of the Assembly.

She dared not refuse in her modelling of these, as her connection with the court was too well known. Even after she was thrown into prison she was compelled to carry on with her gruesome task as more victims, some of them her friends, fell to the guillotine.

From Shrewsbury she moved on to Kidderminster, and followed this with a grand tour of the United Kingdom. To groom the show to British tastes, she featured figures of such historical and contemporary British nobilities as George III, Queen Charlotte and George IV's coronation group, including the Duke of Wellington, Queen Elizabeth, Mary Stuart, John Knox, Charles Stuart, the Pretender, Lord Nelson, Shakespeare, Mrs Siddons, Pitt, Fox and John Wesley.

Alongside were the effigies of notables of the French Court, including Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, Louis XVIII, the Duc de Sully, Voltaire, Mirabeau, and a representation of the coronation of Bonaparte.

ROUGH PASSAGE

Like most other shows, it had its vicissitudes. During a rough passage from London to Scotland a year after leaving France, nearly all the wax figures were damaged in some way, but Madame was able to effect complete repairs for the exhibition opening eight days later.

We began making oars for ships' lifeboats. We now send 300 or 400 of these a week. The work is done by women at 4d. a foot. They make £6, £7, and even £8 a week.

We concentrated on cabin cruisers, and when devaluation came, Eric Ward saw his chance.

"We're going into the American market," he told us.

"But we had our snags. Taking boats to America is a costly risk."

FAMILY FIRM

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"Our secret? Incentive. We put a labour price on each boat, say, £500. Whatever the team saves on that it takes as bonus."

"But that creates a problem. Our staff of 70 will work only with the best recruits. Poor workers would reduce earnings for all."

K. O. CANNON

The Riddle of the Red Domino


NEWS IN PICTURES



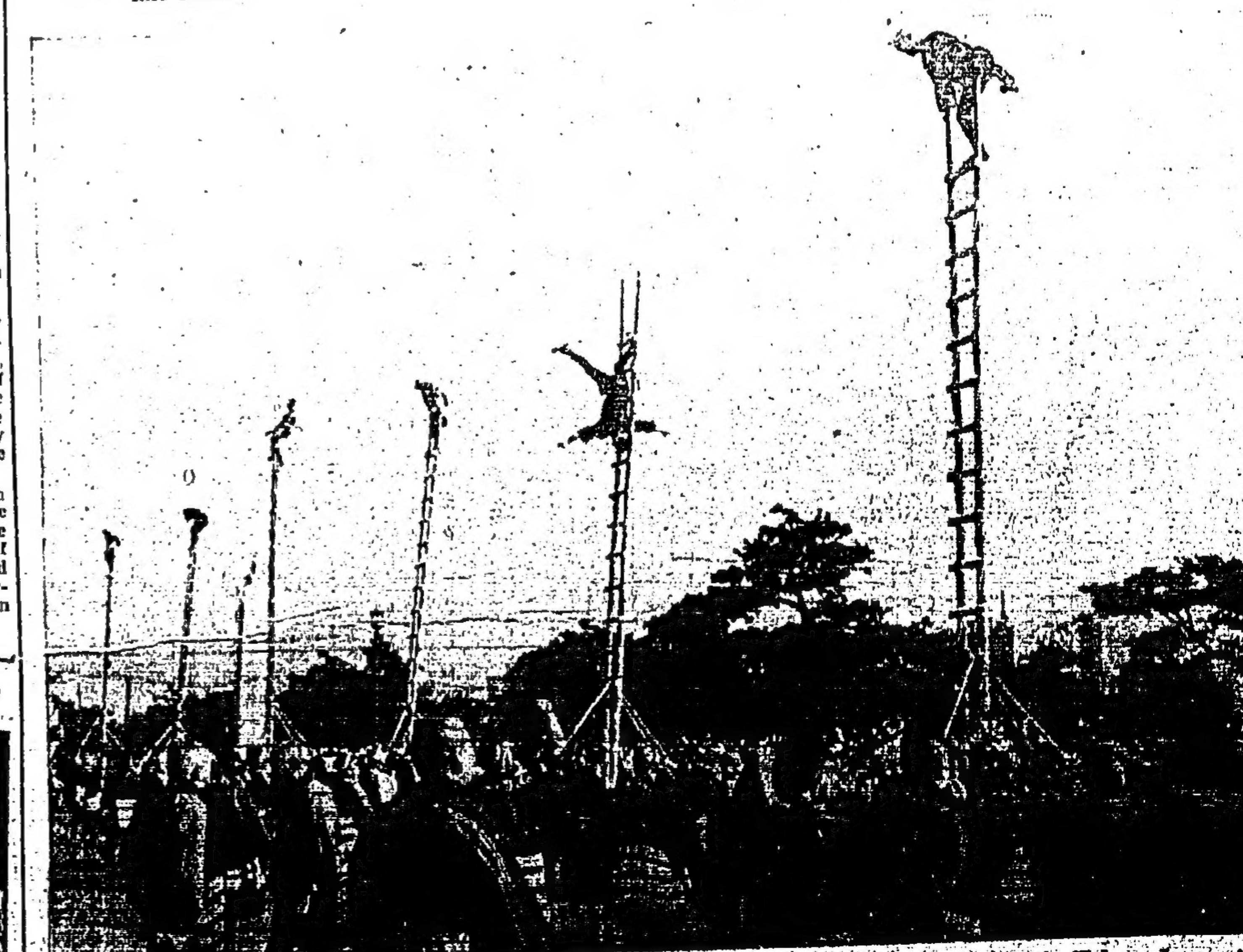
TRIPLETS MEET—Phyllis, Burton and Marilyn Mora (left to right), triplet juniors at a Chicago high school, pose with triplets Kathleen, Eugene and Corinne Pearson on their laps. The young trio have just become pupils in kindergarten.



NIFTY — Shapely Ann Williamson, at Daytona Beach, Florida, shows the sun up for the lucky fellow he really is. All he has to do all day is shine on bathing beauties like Ann.



GOING ON TOUR—These comely Viennese ballerinas, shown in Paris, are doing their daily dozen in sports clothes because their ballet costumes and slippers were held up by customs men. They are en route to the United States for a tour with their ballet company.



OFF DUTY ACROBATICS—Thousands of onlookers crowd the Imperial Palace plaza in Tokyo, Japan, to watch a breath-taking performance by 1,500 firemen. The climax of the day was this spectacular test performed by 20 competitors. Climbing high bamboo ladders, they balanced themselves in various dangerous positions at the top.

Churchill Hits Back At Labour Critics

CLOSING ELECTION SPEECHES

London, Feb. 20.—Mr Winston Churchill denounced Labour Party politicians on Monday night for rejecting his proposal for a new approach to the atom bomb.

The Conservative leader predicted that his plan might in any event bring the world nearer to a settlement of its problems.

JAPANESE WELCOMED BY SENATE

Washington, Feb. 20.—United States Vice President A. Barkley told a Japanese Diet delegation today the United States "welcomes them as friends" not as former enemies.

At a luncheon honouring the group in the office of Senate Secretary Leslie Biffle, he added that "it was very unusual and unprecedented" for the Senate to invite them to come onto the floor of the Chamber during a session.

He explained it was "a gesture" intended to show friendship and a sincere desire to help the Japanese in building Democracy in Japan.

In welcoming the Japanese today, Senators gave the Boston City Council a verbal spanking for its recent refusal to permit 14 representatives of the Japanese Diet to visit a Council session.

The Senate made amends by giving the delegation the unusual privilege of coming onto the Senate floor.

Senator Charles Tobey, New Hampshire Republican, told his colleagues that the Boston Council's action was "un-American" and un-American".

Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts Republican, said that the Council's action "was not indicative of the general feeling throughout the state of Massachusetts."

Applause broke out in the usually sedate Senate Chamber as the Japanese visitors entered, walked before Vice President Barkley's desk and up an aisle to seats in the rear of the room.—Associated Press.

Dramatic Rescue At Sea

(Continued from Page 1)

weather prevented severe loss of life.

The strained look of disaster was still in the their faces when they landed at Copenhagen. Most of them had lost their luggage. A big crowd waited at Copenhagen for the Stockholm to dock. Many carried rugs and overcoats for the rescued passengers.

Ambulances stood by to give medical attention if necessary.

Grimy, smoke-blacked children still clung apprehensively to their parents' arms as anxious passengers answered reporters' questions.

The 2,013-ton Danish ship, Hans Broge, on her way to Copenhagen, took over the fire-fighting work after the Stockholm had made her rescue. By mid-day the fire was sufficiently under control for the Kronprins Olav to resume her course for Copenhagen. She reached Elsinore Harbour yesterday this afternoon, but had too much way on and crashed against the jetty.

Considerable damage was done by the fire and repairs to the vessel, one of the best passenger ships in the Danish merchant fleet, are expected to take several months.—Reuter.

YEN HSI-SHAN WANTS TO RESIGN

Taipei, Feb. 20.—The Chinese Nationalist Premier, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, under heavy fire for inefficiency since coming to this Nationalist stronghold, wants to leave his post, close associates said today.

Usually reliable sources said that nine of the 12 members of the Supreme Emergency Council had telegraphed Acting President Li Tsung-jen to return from America by February 24—or they would have to ask Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to resume the Presidency.—Reuter.

Socialist Society President Resigns

Birmingham, Feb. 20.—Left-wing Labourite Professor Lancelot Hogbin resigned as president of the Birmingham University Socialist Society on Sunday night, "because the threat of atomic warfare has made party politics out of date."

Professor Hogbin wrote "Science for the Citizen," "Mathematics for the Millions" and many articles supporting Socialism. United Press.

Snow Brings Trials To Farmers



SENSATIONAL "MERCY KILLING" TRIAL OPENS

Looking Into The Future

Washington, Feb. 20.—British and American officials are discussing among other dollar problems, the position of Britain and other European countries after the end of the Marshall Plan in 1952, officials stated today.

The officials were commenting on a weekend statement by Mr Bevin that the British Government was discussing with the United States the situation that might arise when the European Recovery Programme ended in 1952.—Reuter.

Papagos Orders Arrests

Athens, Feb. 20.—Marshal Alexander Papagos, Greek Army Commander-in-Chief, today ordered the arrest of any former army officer standing as candidate in the forthcoming election and campaigning in uniform.

Such candidates should be sent under escort to the Greek General Staff in Athens, he said.

Several army officers are

standing in the election for various parties.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I don't think a little dieting is going to hurt any of us!"

BOMBS TO BE GUIDED TO TARGET

Washington, Feb. 20.—Guided atomic missiles that can be launched 500 miles from the target by big bomber may be just around the corner.

Defense officials revealed in week-end interviews that "several" self-propelled guided missiles with ranges of more than 500 miles have been developed.

These missiles with modifications probably could be converted to be dropped on enemy targets by bombing planes.

Defense officials, reporting "satisfactory" progress in all phases of guided missile work, also disclosed the development of a 12,000-pound free-falling bomb that can be guided all the way to the target. They said this could be the atomic bomb.

Air Force officers said the large guided bomb is ready for combat use. This raised a possibility that atomic bombs might be "guided" in the forthcoming tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

The 500-mile guided missiles were still labelled as experimental because a range was not yet available for full testing of them.

The first flights at the full distance of 500 miles must wait until the new Florida proving ground is ready about a year hence.—United Press.

Mystery Yacht Found

London, Feb. 20.—An American Navy destroyer found the large yacht "Imperia" floating aimlessly about the Mediterranean about 60 miles north of Tripoli without a crew this afternoon, naval headquarters here announced.

The destroyer Mackenzie sent a message to London saying it had found the yacht, placed a boarding party on it and was towing it to Tripoli.

It was not immediately known where the yacht was registered or to whom it belonged. Lloyd's Register lists an Imperia, an 8,102-ton vessel owned by Clia Sudamericana de Vapores and registered in Valparaiso, Chile.—United Press.

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PLEASE COME EARLY

Westerling Gone?

Djakarta, Feb. 20.—R. P. P. (Turk) Westerling, outlawed Dutch leader of the guerrillas who attacked Bandung in West Java a month ago, was rumoured today to have left Indonesia.

Neutral military sources are inclined to believe the report, although there is no way of getting confirmation at present. Informants said they believed most of Westerling's guerrillas had gone over to the fanatical Moslem movement in West Java, the Darul Islam.

A manhunt has been on for Westerling ever since the Bandung attack.—Associated Press.

U.S.-BULGARIA RELATIONS

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary of State Dean Acheson and his top aides on Monday studied whether to break diplomatic relations with Bulgaria. State Department officials said that the decision had not yet been taken, but might be made within 24 hours.

The United States had threatened to break relations with Bulgaria unless Sofia drops its demand for the recall of the American minister, Mr Donald Heath.—United Press.



INDIA NEEDS 209 RUNS FROM NINE WICKETS TO WIN DECIDING TEST

Madras, Feb. 20.—The fifth and final unofficial Test, which may decide the "rubber" between India and the Commonwealth tourists, had reached an interesting stage by the close of play on the fourth day. With one day remaining, India needs 209 runs with nine wickets standing to win.

The Commonwealth, who made 324 in their first Innings, were dismissed a second time for 247. By the close of play, India, 313, had scored 50 for one wicket in their second Innings. Victory for either side will decide the series, each having won one of the previous four "Tests," with two games drawn.

Resuming their second Innings today before a crowd of more than 20,000, the Commonwealth batsmen, with the exception of the West Indies player, John Holt, never appeared too happy against spin bowling.

Holt, who went in at the fall of the first wicket yesterday, was the only batsman to face India's attack confidently and was unbroken with 84 when the Innings closed. He hit one six and six fours during his stay of four hours and 19 minutes.

RUN A MINUTE

Holt helped Alley to add 69 for the fourth wicket—the best stand of the Innings. They pushed the score along at a rate of one run a minute before Alley was caught behind the wicket off Monkirk five minutes before lunch.

Ray Smith, th Essex all-rounder, had a lively Innings of 21 before he was well caught by Nayudu off Chowdhury.

George Tribe adopted similar tactics, hitting a grand six off Chowdhury for his first scoring stroke, but after the new ball had been taken, was subdued by Phadkar, who was almost unplayable.

In four overs with the new ball, Phadkar took three wickets for eight runs to finish off the Innings at 247 when tea was taken. He finished with figures of three for 28.

Mushtaq Ali gave India a good start in their second Innings. He hit 10 off the opening over from Lambert and when stumps were drawn was undefeated with 37, which included seven fours. He injured his right hand when trying to glance—Fit Maurice, but resumed after attention.—Reuter.

Neil Harvey Sets Up Two Records

Kimberley, Feb. 20.—Neil Harvey, 21-year-old Australian left-hander, today set up two records for an Australian cricket tourist in South Africa.

Against Grimaland West, Harvey made 100 not out to bring his total of centuries to seven and, at the same time, established a record aggregate of 1,205 runs.

The previous records were held by Jack Flingleton, who scored six centuries and had an aggregate of 1,102 runs on the 1935-36 tour.

The highest number of centuries made by any tourist in South Africa is eight and the best aggregate is 1,761, both made by Denis Compton with the MCC team last year.—Reuter.

MATCH DRAWN

Kimberley, Feb. 20.—The match between the Australians and Grimaland West ended in a draw today. The Australians scored 355 for nine declared and 252 for one declared.

Grimaland West made 202 in their first Innings and were 69 for six in their second Innings at the close of play.—Reuter.

Foreign Challenge For Britain's Golf Tournaments

London, Feb. 20.—Golfers from Egypt, Italy, Belgium, Australia and South Africa will be challenging for some of the big golf titles in Britain this year.

Two new and colourful personalities expected are the young Egyptians, Hassan Hassanein, of Cairo, and Khattab Hassan, of Alexandria, who surprised several leading British players, including Alfred Padgham and Max Faulkner, by finishing first and second in their National Open Championship.

Hassanein won a little-known tournament for two years and had proved that it was no duke by winning the Italian Open Championship.

Neither golfer has played in Britain before, and their presence in big events will add considerable attraction.

LOCKE & PICKWORTH

Hobby Locke, South Africa's winner of the British open title, has promised to spend the whole of the season in Britain.

From Australia, Osie Pickworth will be making his first appearance here, and Norman Von Nida, Australia, will pay a visit later in the year after playing in the United States.

One of the leading Italian professionals is planning a visit, and Belgium will again be represented by Florio Van Done.

A lot of interest at home centred around Henry Cotton, the leading personality in British golf. Cotton has said that he will compete in more events than he did last year, but he cannot be persuaded to say whether he will take part in the open.

His presence may well be needed if the strong challenge from overseas is to be repelled.

AMERICA FIRST

Locke and Von Nida have been invited to play in the American masters' tournament at Augusta, Georgia, U.S.A., before coming to England. Pickworth, who beat Jim Ferrier of San Francisco in a play-off last year, is the Australian Open Champion.

The British tournament season begins with the £1,350 Silver King Championship at the Moor Park Club near London on April 19.

Twelve other tournaments, plus the venerable British Open, are on the schedule which runs until mid-October. Total prize money will be about £24,000, a trifling sum by American standards and one of the biggest reasons why U.S. golfers will stay on their own side of the Atlantic.

Results were: C. Y. Wong beat J. V. Sellers 6-0, 6-0; Patrick Peon beat F. R. Zimmerman 6-3, 6-2; E. Chan beat G. Lin 6-3, 6-2; Lee Walton beat T. E. Baker 7-5, 6-4; E. Tsui beat Y. K. Ng 6-2, 6-3; Tsui Yun-pui beat Benzin Saw 6-4, 6-0.

WEEK'S PROGRAMME

This week's programme is as follows:

Tuesday—(Court 1) Choy Tin-wah v. Norman Lo. (Court 2) Wong Chai-fai, Au Kam-mon. (Court 3) Donald Lo v. Li Col. Simeon. (Court 4) Hoeh Liang v. Y. B. Hawthorn. (Court 5) Ip Koon-hung v. P. P. Chan. (Court 6) A. J. Doyle v. G. F. E. Wagner.

Wednesday—No games owing to visiting players.

Thursday—No games owing to visiting players.

Friday—(Court 1) J. D. Mackie v. Capt. J. A. Stewart. (Court 2) Li Cheng-hsing v. George Choa. (Court 3) A. Ayer v. Y. K. Ng. (Court 4) Nolan Chan v. J. A. Furrer. (Court 5) Fritz Lin v. Choy Tin-fook. (Court 6) Thomas Lo v. S. K. Wong.

Second Division League Cricket Averages

BATTING :

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
S. V. Gillins (KCC)	5	1	190	41	47.50
D. G. White (KCC)	11	5	160	44	20.66
S. E. M. Bux (IRC)	11	1	251	92*	25.10
E. P. Dhingra (KGVS)	13	3	241	35*	24.10
A. T. Lee (KCC)	13	2	307	66	23.01
V. C. Bond (KCC)	13	2	210	47	19.00
A. E. Narine (Recroco)	12	1	101	40	17.38
E. Randall (KCC)	11	—	185	37	16.81
G. Hughes (Dockyard)	12	—	184	57	15.33
F. Hurreyway (Commandos)	12	—	150	45	13.00
Eric Ho (University)	13	—	165	41	12.69

*Not Out. Qualification: 150 runs.

BOWLING :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
D. J. Dunne (KGVS)	80.3	32	100	41	4.63
A. R. Osmund (Recroco)	44.1	5	164	26	6.31
G. Vale (R. Navy)	70	23	150	24	6.20
D. E. Remedios (Recroco)	61.3	13	158	23	6.06
W. H. Owen (Commandos)	70.5	16	215	31	6.93
J. Hirst (RAF)	62.5	25	228	32	7.12
F. D. Bottomley (KGVS)	84.5	23	181	24	7.64
A. T. Lee (KCC)	152	43	319	42	7.59
G. Dean (Commandos)	58	11	108	26	7.65
W. Salter (KGVS)	70.1	17	155	20	7.75
Y. Motiwala (IRC)	133.1	33	332	46	8.00
C. Gutierrez (Recroco)	125.6	34	287	35	8.20
D. G. White (KCC)	89.5	18	275	32	8.59
M. Nicolson (KGVS)	68.5	14	174	20	8.70
A. D. Ibrahim (IRC)	130.3	42	203	26	9.00
G. Collins (Dockyard)	68	9	105	21	9.29
P. Hards (Dockyard)	69.2	16	201	28	12.00
H. Davenport (RAF)	97.3	24	271	21	12.90
G. Elliott (University)	97.4	7	388	24	13.70
Eric Ho (University)	100.4	15	379	24	13.70

Qualification: 20 wickets.

DAVIS CUP DRAW



U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie (second from left) draws a name from the Davis Cup at the United Nations office building in New York City in the drawing for pairings in the 1950 Davis cup competition.

Twenty-six nations are challenging this year for the tennis trophy held by the United States since Australia lost it in 1946.

Left to right are: Lawrence Baker, U.S. Lawn Tennis Association president; Lie; Aldrich H. Man, non-playing U.S. Davis Cup team captain; Russell B. Kingman, International Tennis Federation president; and Walter Merrill Hall, chairman of the Davis Cup committee.—AP Wirephoto.

ON THE RECORD

We're All Growing So Incorrigibly Younger

We are all growing so much younger. The years creep slowly forward and, keeping in step, we seek to mellow with them. Few would forgive the suggestion that such is not our aim. To keep in step with those of our fellow who frown on the increase of old ideas, we admit ourselves as being of an era with the pietocracy.

In this spirit we greeted our holiday visitors, the Interport football teams from Manila and Rangoon. They are on their way home, Rangoon this morning and Manila this evening.

They were feted last night in traditional style. The Hongkong Football Association ranks among the world's best hosts.

Being somewhat inclined to pre-history, the source of this column had an inclination to seek out the best-preserved fossil on either of the visiting teams. The gentleman who found him for us was Chinese and—not to mislead the most Sherlock Holmesian among the readers of this diatribe—it was there not Mr Ma Man-fai. He was there sure enough, but he was but an innocent bystander.

Having found a Burman, we were informed in short order that he was a Burman by adoption and inclination, but a Chinese by ancestry. Immediately we buttonholed him and insisted on knowing who was the "star" of his team.

Without much ado, he led us to one, by name Fred Pugsley, centre-forward of the team, described as "rather old now, but a good inside-left in his time."

Mr Pugsley, it turned out, had been part of Burma's football for the past 17 years. He is now 34 years of age. To inquire into his antecedents, he is the son of Fred Pugsley, one-time schoolboy international and inside-left for Dulwich Hamlet, and nephew of John Pugsley, Charlton Athletic's left-half in those memorable two seasons when the Club moved up from the Third to the First Division of the Football League, and also occasionally a Welsh international.

But Fred Pugsley corrected us, he is a Burman and has been one as far back as he remembers. He started playing football some 18 years ago and it was not too long before his prowess was worth a trip by air every week-end to turn out for East Bengal.

He has played against Star greats of the past who ever trod football field in Southeast Asia. When he was young he had professional offers from an English League side.

He has played against Star Pearson, Tommy Walker and Denis Compton when the three were soldiering in India. He has never achieved professional status, but, he said, "There were often situations when I was just about a professional. This is true of most footballers who play in India. It is not quite true of Burma, but a good footballer in my country is never short of a good job."

So be the antecedents. One of Mr Pugsley's first questions put to us was whether Hongkong football wasn't "semi-pro?" A \$6 question to put to anyone. We have all the traditional answers in hand and we trust we made our point.

"Hongkong football couldn't possibly afford professionalism. The poorest Third Division professional side back home has an average gate of \$0,000, which has to be maintained over a season before the most affluent of directores can afford half-a-dozen professionals on the club's register. Our largest ground, the Caroline Hill Stadium, can only accommodate 11,000... Amen."

This question of professionalism is an interesting one. It has been an unrelenting trend in the whole world of sport now for some time. The continental Europeans have by now so qualified it that "broken time" is the value of your grandfather's gold fillings against the cost of your pouring into her willing ear an account of your athletic prowess can be calculated to the last centime or mark.

In Mr Avery Brundage's United States, athletics and all allied AAU sports are paid for out of a generous AAU kitty so long as the athletes concerned qualify through a nationwide elimination system that sees the odd nerve cut of place sufficient to sink any world-beater's future, be it the wrong afternoon for a system not to be perfectly tuned on.

Mr Pugsley made the suggestion to us that it would not do this part of the world any harm if football was put on a professional basis. Mr Pugsley even entertained the revolutionary idea that our teeming masses would continue to pay the gate money they pay now if football in this part of the world was put on a professional basis, an idea which this columnist heartily endorsed.

Enough of the subject. Seeing that Mr Pugsley is all of 34 and has seen something of football in Southeast Asia in his time, his ideas on other aspects of this game are worth note.

He is convinced among other things that Lee Wai-tong is the best footballer ever produced in this part of the world, and he includes the footballing section of India in the territory from which he selects our old idol.

In fact, he goes so far as to say that football as a game has deteriorated over the past decade and the odd year or two before it. The reason—the birth of such idols who were and are still wizard dribblers, super individualists and nothing else.

"You don't only find them in Hongkong," Mr Pugsley assured me. "You find them everywhere in this part of the world in the post-war era. They are good in themselves but they don't fit very well into a winning team."

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Learn Proper Sign Language in Bridge

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

FOR today's lesson on the play of the hand I want to take up the language of the cards. Although most players quickly learn that a high discards says, "I like that suit," while a low discards says, "I do not," there are times when you have to use negative discards to make the card talk for you. Now let us follow that principle in today's hand.

Declarer won the opening lead of the ten of hearts with the Jack. West did not like hearts so he played the deuce, which says "Partner, I either have a singleton heart," or "I do not like that suit."

Declarer's next play was the king of spades. East did not go up with the ace. He correctly let the declarer hold the trick.

**A K J 10 7 4
K 9 8 7
A J 5
A 4 3
A 2
A J 3 2**

**N W E Q 10 9 8 7
W E Q 10 4
Q 10 4
Q 10 5
K 7
K 7 6**

Lesson Hand—Both vul.
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♦ Pass 1♦ Pass
Opening—♦ 10 19

North continued with another spade on which East played the ace.

West at this point had to make a discard. There is no use in discarding the three of hearts, as he has already told his partner he did not like hearts. What West wants his partner to do is to shift to clubs.

He should discard a high club, but the only high club that he can afford to discard is the Jack and that might cost him a trick. If he plays the three of clubs, although the deuce of clubs is missing, East might not be able to read that as an encouraging card. So West has only one recourse open to him, he should discard the deuce of diamonds.

Now he has plainly said, "Partner, I did not like hearts and I do not like diamonds." Then East has only one choice, that is to lead a club. He has to hope that West has at least the ace-jack of clubs in order to defeat the contract. So the queen of clubs, at this point, is the correct play.

If declarer plays the king from dummy, West will win with the ace. He will cash the jack of clubs and lead the third club, which East will win, as he ten, and the contract is defeated.

INTELLIGENCE TESTS

MENTAL ARITHMETIC

By T. O. HARE

To Clash, lounging on the beach, appeared her uncle, the Professor. "Brain in good working order?" he asked.

"I shouldn't think so."

"What's the name of that younger sister of yours?"

"Betty, Uncle."

"How old is she?"

"Right," said the Professor. "Half a crown for you. Clever, if you can do that in your head. Now, multiply your age by years by itself; multiply Betty's age by itself. Add the two products together. From the total subtract the product of (a) the sum of your age and Betty's, and (b) the difference between your age and Betty's. What's the answer?"

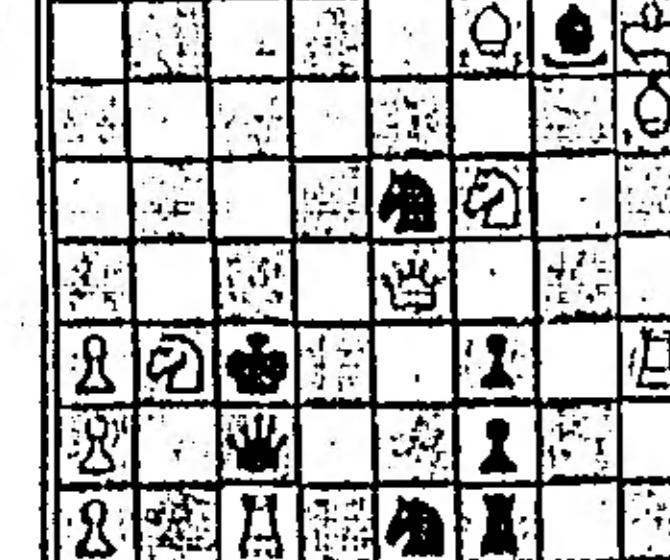
"But just—but only just—secured the coveted half-crown. How long has the calculation taken you?"

(Solution on Page 8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. MUSSURI and E. SOMOFF

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-K4, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K!
mates.

DUMB-BELLS PATENT OFFICE



SCIENCE AT WORK

"FIRING THE MINES" EXPERIMENT

By J. W. TAYLOR

PREPARATIONS are being made at Newman Spinney colliery, between Chester and Sheffield, for the first officially Government-sponsored experiment of "firing the mines," a process of producing gas by setting fire to the coal in the seam, first demonstrated just before the 1914 war in an experimental shaft at a Durham

colliery by the British scientist, Sir William Ramsay.

Although his efforts to create underground gasworks were successful in principle, there was no support from a then thriving mining industry.

The Newman Spinney test will entail the sinking of two boreholes 50 feet apart down to the coalface and connected by a lateral bore cut in the face of the open cast working. The coal will be ignited by thermite bomb, and compressed air will then be pumped down one of the vertical shafts to "fan the flames." It is then proposed to draw gas from the resultant fire up the other shaft.

They even had a little brass plate set in his butterfly collar with his name and address on it. But when he insisted on having a licence bought for him every year they put their foot down and sent him to a psychiatrist.

Months later we met him in Bond Street. He was looking very much better—for one thing he wasn't walking on all fours.

"I'm completely cured," he told us. "Got rid of all that nonsense. Wonderful chap, cleared up my trouble after six weeks and now I'm as fit as a fiddle—just feel how cold my nose is."

Five seconds with the world's dullest men

SIDNEY FORSTOR PENDLUM, swing pianist of Safron Hill. Hobble: Glass blowing and flower arranging. It was of Pendulum that the eminent sage G. Bernard Shaw once said while passing down Archer-street "What on earth is that?"

As recently as 1947 T. S. Eliot claimed him as "the finest pianist and glassblower I have ever met." This was a Mr T. S. Eliot who kept the "Komfy Kafe" in Hounslow and was not, it was later discovered a good judge of glassblowing.

His writings, mostly done with a hard pencil on the back of the sheet music of "The Desert Song," have been collected by his handlady; some of his more tartig offerings are reprinted below.

On Fashion: "Skirts are all very well in their place, but give me a good old chinwag with a man chum every time."

On Music: "Iebop" is here to stay, as soon as I get the hang of it."

On Women: "I'd put all women on a pedestal—about as high as the Nelson Column if I had my way."

On Politics: "Stafford Cripps was a geecer!"

On Theatre: "Of course, you don't actually see much from the orchestra pit unless you are lucky enough to get a bloke with glasses next you in the front row of the stalls. I saw the first two acts of 'Carmen' reflected in a pair of horn rims in the old Wallersey Hipp one night."

(London Express Service)

COLDLY RECEIVED

Whilst the Ramsay experiment in Britain was coldly received, note of it was made in Russia by Lenin in his newspaper articles in 1933, and he eventually planned coal gasification of the Russian mines. Nine years after his death they resulted in the first firing of mines in the Donets Basin,

which was declared successful. It produced 3,000 million cubic feet of gas in the first 18 months of operation, at a third of the cost of orthodox generating plant.

During the last war the British coalface was fired. It yielded 20 million cubic feet of gas a day. Since then the best Russian pits have been producing underground gas equivalent to 75 tons of coal a month for each miner employed there.

The United States and Belgium have met with varying success in their employment of the principle, and experts are hoping that the coming British experiment will be fruitful.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

If you are born today, you have strong reasoning power; are very discriminating when it comes to selecting the fine things of life; can be critical almost to the point of distraction. On the other hand, you are warmhearted and at times impulsive, letting your feelings control your life. With such a complex nature you need to exercise self-discipline. If you are to reach the heights to which the stars indicate your talents should entitle you.

You have a magnetic and forceful personality. Guard against dissipating your energies on persons and things which are not worth while. In other words, select some single line of endeavour and stick to it, de-

PICTURES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Make a new start today on some important business project and let it develop as you wish.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Optimism can improve your outlook and your capacity for accomplishment now. Be progressive in everything.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Changes should be for the better in the long run. Your attitude is what counts right now. Be co-operative.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Expansion in sales this morning. Friends and associates can swell the tide of success for you now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Follow your intuitions today and you will make the right decision. Combine business and social interests.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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Check Your Knowledge

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Milk Horse Took a Walk

—She Just Ambled Off to the Park—

By MAX TRELL

WHOA, the Milk-Wagon horse, was standing by the curb with the milk-wagon hitched behind her when the spied Knarf looking out the window of the children's room. She raised her head and uttered a sound which resembled the word "neigh." Or, perhaps, what she really meant to say was "Good day!"

In any case Knarf answered: "Good-day to you, Whoa!" Then he quickly dressed and went out to have a talk with her. It was still very early in the morning. The sun had just begun to look up over the edge of the sky.

"Whoa!" shouted Knarf. "Where are you going?"

"For a walk," replied Whoa. "Or," she added, beginning to put her feet down faster and faster, "maybe I'll go for a run."

"You'd better not! Wait a minute!" yelled Knarf. It was all he could do to keep running along with Whoa. At the corner Whoa went dashing around at full speed. From the end of the street Knarf could hear the milkman's voice shouting: "Whoa! Whoa! Come back!" But Whoa didn't pause, panting for breath.

It was so early in the morning that there weren't many people on the street. Just a few got off to work. They looked round when they saw Whoa coming and shouted, too. Whoa paid no attention to them either.

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"You know," Whoa said to Knarf, who was still running beside him, "I haven't had as much fun as this in years—not since I was a colt and lived on a farm. Then I could run all I pleased. Ah—here we come to something interesting. Looks a little like the country, doesn't it?"

"It's—the park!" Knarf said, panting for breath.

Whoa ran right into the park with the wagon rattling behind him. And then, in front of a big broad field of grass, she came to a sudden stop.

"Yea!" she said. "It's like the country all right. Green grass and plenty of room. Green grass, beautiful green grass."

"No! You mustn't eat it!" cried Knarf.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IT was a Mr Montgomery

Phizze, we seem to remember, who used to think he was a dog. The family were pretty reasonable about it all. They used to put him out at night, let him sleep in his basket, and take him for walks.

They even had a little brass

plate set in his butterfly collar with his name and address on it.

But when he insisted on having a licence bought for him every year they put their foot down and sent him to a psychiatrist.

Months later we met him in Bond Street. He was looking very much better—for one thing he wasn't walking on all fours.

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